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OYEN, ALBERTA, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 1916.

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Fight or Pay!

As yet we have not enlisted, but we are trying to do our share.

February 29th. is Red Cross Day

So we are donating 10 per cent of our Cash sales for that Day to be divided 5 per cent to go to the Red Cross Society and 5 per cent to the Belgian Relief Fund. These are both worthy causes and we want your business on that day.

S. A. Miller & Co.
In Scott's Old Stand.

Let us supply you this Spring with

Smoking Liquid

For smoking your Summer supply of Meats

Formaldehyde

For Your Grain

International Stock Food

For the Stock

Stable Liniments etc.

Geo. A. Morrison,
Chemist and Druggist,

Oyen,

"We want your trade."

Alta.

Tuesday, February 29th. '16

Red Cross Day

An Auction Sale

Of Furniture Etc.

(See-Large Posters)

5 per cent. of proceeds of Sale and 10 per cent. of all store sales on this day, will be given to the

Canadian Red Cross Society

W. C. Hoskins,

Always for the best Hardware.

First Annual Seed Grain Fair Is Great Success

Interesting Lectures Given by W. F. Stevens,
Commissioner of Live Stock, A. S. Blackwood,
Grain Expert, and W. W. Hess

Local Items

Place your orders NOW for Plow Shares with Jas. Lees Horse shoeing and Share work a specialty.

Mr. J. W. Crockett, Jeweller and Optician, of Crested, will be in Oyen on Tuesday, February 29th. Mr. Crockett intends to visit Oyen every other week.

Lutheran services in the Scandinavian language at Golden Valley Church 3-20-5 on Saturday, Feb. 26th. at 2 p.m. At Mr. Oyen's residence, on Sunday, Feb. 27th, at 11 a.m. Excel school on Sunday, Feb. 27th, at 3 p.m. in the English language.

Are you a member of the Oyen Branch of the Red Cross Society? If not, become a member to-day

B. J. Steen of the Steen Jewellery and Optical Co., Ltd., of Youngstown, was in town yesterday and will be in town every Tuesday. Watch repairing and Optical work a specialty.

Seed Oats and cattle for sale. Oats took the 2nd. prize and Flax 1st. prize at the Oyen Seed Grain Fair. Archie McQuarrie, Sec. 5-27-3, Oyen.

The west half of 17-27-4, Fred L. Warneke's farm, has been purchased by Messrs. Skundberg and Bale.

Mr. Claire Green of Sibbald was a visitor in town on Saturday.

WANTED—I will be buying hogs, oxen and cattle at the Farmer's Elevator, Oyen, on Tuesday, February 29th. For Sale—A nice bunch of sows with pigs at side, and some to pig very soon. Apply at Farmer's Elevator, W. Riner.

Mr. R. E. Gillespie, who has been spending the past week in Calgary, returned to Oyen this morning.

Mr. S. A. Miller was visiting friends in the country last Sunday.

Messrs. A. A. Owens and Chas. L. Dunford, who left for Calgary on business last Sunday, returned to town this morning.

Mr. Eric Lindquist, who has been at Calgary and the Coast, returned to town on Tuesday.

Mr. B. H. Diefel, the auctioneer is selling by public auction, fifty head of horses, for Messrs. Jas. Lees and Eric Lindquist on Saturday afternoon. Sale to commence at one o'clock sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hancock returned from Winnipeg last Friday morning.

A dance will be held at Excel Hall in aid of the Red Cross Society, on Friday evening, March 3rd. Everybody welcome.

FOR SALE OR RENT—After July 1st, half interest in good paying hotel property etc. Prospective partner must be a licensed druggist. Apply to P. Steffen, Oyen, Alta.

Ideal weather conditions favoured the Oyen Agricultural Society for their first annual Seed Grain Fair, which was held last Saturday.

Considerable interest was shown in the various competitions. The following are the winners in the various classes:

Red Fyfe Wheat
1st. E. J. Belliveau 80 pts.
2nd. Carl Hing 87 1/2
3rd. E. Berg 85 1/2

Marquis Wheat
1st. Rufus Cates 94 pts.
2nd. H. M. Regan 93 1/2
3rd. E. H. Davis 89 1/2

Pearce Wheat
1st. S. H. Abbott 92 pts.
2nd. A. M. McQuarrie 90 1/2
3rd. Wm. Hess 90 1/2

Banner Oats
1st. Wm. Hess 90 1/2
2nd. A. M. McQuarrie 95 1/2
3rd. S. H. Abbott 92 1/2

Seager Oats
1st. J. P. Roraback 92 1/2
2nd. B. Watts 92 1/2
3rd. B. E. Hosford 91 1/2

Abundance Oats
1st. J. A. Siskley 94
2nd. Rufus Cates 93 1/2
3rd. A. E. Moore 91 1/2

Six Row Barley
1st. B. Hosford 91 1/2 pts.
2nd. B. E. Watts 90 1/2
3rd. A. E. Moore 89 1/2

Primo Flax
1st. A. M. McQuarrie
2nd. S. H. Abbott
3rd. E. Berg

Best collection of Wheat, Oats and Flax. Special prize by B. H. Diefel. E. Berg.

Best half bushel of Marquis Wheat. Special prize by C. A. Gilders. Rufus Cates.

Mr. A. S. Blackwood, who has been connected with the Dept. of Agriculture for a number of years, judged the grains shown. After the judging was over, interesting addresses were given on subjects of interest to all farmers.

Mr. A. S. Blackwood spoke on Grains. Mr. W. F. Stevens, Commissioner of Live Stock, gave an address on stock, and dealt at some length on the advisability of introducing sheep on the farms of this district. Mr. W. Hess gave an interesting address on soils.

Recruiting For 175th.

The town presented quite a military aspect, last Friday and Saturday, when Capt. Rideout, of Chinnook, Capt. McCoubrey, of Calgary, Sgt. Baker, of Calgary and Acting Sgt. Warner of Chinnook, all of the 175th. Battalion, were in town recruiting for their regiment.

Nine recruits were secured in the two days, and both Capt. Rideout and Capt. McCoubrey are well satisfied with the result of their visit.

Capt. McCoubrey and Capt. Fleming are in town to-day with Sgt. Baker and two more recruits have been accepted. The following are the men who have enlisted:

Roscoe Kline, Dick Cole, Harry Higgins, Chas. Allgren, George Harper, Chas. Stevenson, W. R. Stevenson, Andrew Telfer, Harry Forbes, Robt. Buchanan, John Henry Lemax.

The Slater Shoes

A Leader for 45 years

What better assurance of quality can any man ask for in Shoes than an unchallenged reputation of leadership in style, quality and value of 45 years standing? Slater Shoes enjoy that enviable reputation—that is why we are proud of the opportunity of offering our customers Slater Shoes. New goods all of them—the only old feature is the Slater reputation for common sense, comfort, thorough workmanship and good value. This reputation is as old as the Slater factory—45 years. Look for the sign of the Slater.

THOS. LEES

The Harness Boot and Shoe Store

The Oyen Clothing Co.

What about that

Spring or Summer Suit

We have

Over 300 Samples to Choose From

They are certainly worth inspection.

Give us a Call

We guarantee Fit and Satisfaction or your money refunded

Remember its the famous

Art Tailored Clothes

We are Sole Agents.

The Oyen Clothing Co.

D. M. Irving, Manager.



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THE BANK OF TORONTO
B. E. KELLY, Manager, Oyen, Alberta.

THE OYEN NEWS

OYEN, ALBERTA.

A paper published every Wednesday, in the interests of Oyen and the surrounding districts.

Subscription in Canada \$1.00 a year. United States and Foreign, \$1.50 a year.

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Display advertising rates given upon application.

Accounts are rendered monthly and are due when rendered.

Changes for Display advertising must be in this office by Monday morning for publication in the following Wednesday's issue.

Chas. L. Dunford, Editor.

Wednesday, February 23rd, 1916

Seed Grain Should Be Given a Germination Test

Germination tests made on oats, wheat and barley this fall at the Dominion Seed Laboratory, at Calgary show that there are considerable quantities of out-casts and barley, particularly in Alberta and Saskatchewan, which are unfit for seed. The average percentage germination for Alberta oats is 68 per cent and for Saskatchewan 65 per cent. The average percentage germination for Alberta wheat is 68 per cent and for Saskatchewan 65 per cent. The average percentage germination for Alberta barley is 68 per cent and for Saskatchewan 65 per cent. The average percentage germination for Alberta oats is 68 per cent and for Saskatchewan 65 per cent. The average percentage germination for Alberta wheat is 68 per cent and for Saskatchewan 65 per cent. The average percentage germination for Alberta barley is 68 per cent and for Saskatchewan 65 per cent.

As one of the first essentials for a good crop of any kind is good seed, it is important that only seed with strong germination energy and a high percentage of germinable seeds should be used. The germination energy of a sample is indicated by the percentage of seeds which germinate during the first four or five days of the test. The preliminary count therefore is an index of the germination energy. If, for example, the preliminary count on a sample of oats is 25 per cent the germination energy of the sample is very low, but if the preliminary count is 90 per cent the germination energy is strong. Two samples may vary as widely as this in the preliminary count but may contain the same percentage of vital seeds in which case the final counts would be the same. If the final counts only were considered one of these samples would be thought to be as good as the

other, while in reality one is good seed and the other undesirable for use as seed. The sample with a high preliminary count will withstand unfavorable weather conditions of the time of seeding very much better than the other, it will give a more even stand on the field and a crop which will in all probability ripen somewhat earlier.

Farmers should satisfy themselves before seeding time next spring that their seed grain is of the best quality. This can only be done by a germination test conducted either at home or at the Dominion Seed Laboratory in Calgary. Samples up to twenty-five in number will be tested at the Seed Laboratory free of charge for any individual or company in one year. Above this number twenty-five cents per test is charged.

Samples from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia for test should be addressed to the Dominion Seed Laboratory, Box 1064, Calgary, Alberta, and postage paid by the sender. It is unnecessary to send stamps for return postage. For wheat, oats, barley and seed of similar size, about half a tea cupful should be sent for test; for seeds of smaller size such as flax, red clover, timothy, etc., half this quantity is sufficient. If more than one sample of the same kind of seed is sent for test they should bear some distinguishing mark or number.

Patriotic Wheat Bin

Previously acknowledged:	
J. W. Seall	65 bus.
Alex Massey	57 1/2 "
Rufus Case	74 "
B. F. Van Horn	48 1/2 "
	24 1/2 "
N. Cunningham	30 "
J. J. Reis	20 "
H. J. Austen	46 "
Johnston Craig	41.30 "
A. E. Todd	63.21 "
Total to date	417.30 "

DIRECTORY

OYEN METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday February 27th.

Preaching Service 7.30 p. m.

Sunday School 2.30 p. m.

Benton School 3.00 p. m.

Brays 11 a. m.

Rev. Geo. A. Steele Pastor.

Sacred Heart Church.

Regular services will be held First Sunday in each month at 10.30 a. m.

REV. W. R. DARGAS.

Recruits Wanted

Capt. C. W. Rideout of Chinook has accepted a Commission in the 175th Battalion. Lieut. Col. Nelson Spencer, O. C. of Medicine Hat. Capt. Rideout will have charge of recruiting in the Aeneas District and expects to spend one day a week in each town along the line. Watch the posters for dates when Capt. Rideout will be in town. All men enlisting will be given free transportation to Medicine Hat. Anyone having crops to put in in the Spring will be allowed to return on furlough to do such work.

Anyone applying to the Post Master at Oyen can be taken on.

Signed Capt. C. W. Rideout
175th. Batt'n.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

FOR SALE—Banner Seed Oats for sale 50c. per bushel, guaranteed free from Wild oats, Buck wheat, and all other weed seeds.

W. H. H. Hes, 628-4, Oyen.

THRASHING OUTFIT FOR SALE—A 25 H.P. Reeves Compound Plowing Engine, and 40x81 Reeves Separator, two Tests and one sleeping Calceos, for sale cheap. Apply to—

W. M. Morrell,
17-4-30, w. of the 4th.

STRAYED—From 14-2-3 a team of light bay Geldings, with white stripes in face, clipped foretops, leather halters with harness marks. Weight about 2,000 lbs. Any information will be appreciated. Notify—

O. H. McNeill,
Box 97, Oyen, Alta.

OYEN FOR SALE—Seven good work oxen for sale, or will trade for horses. For terms apply to—

L. Kline, one mile east of Sunnydale P.O.

LOST, STOLEN or STRAYED—A bull terrier, white body with brindle ears, answers to the name of "Pat" Oyen dog tag No. 8. Any person found harboring same will be prosecuted. Finder kindly return "Pat" to Alex Corley and receive reward.

LOST—On January 27th, a Gen's Watch and Chain, on the road leading south west of Oyen. My wife's photograph in back of watch case. Elgin watches and silver case. Finder please return to the Oyen News Office and get reward.

Joe Olden,
Oyen, Alta.

FOR QUICK SALE—Team of heavy work horses for sale. Apply J. A. Baker, N. 34-2-4, Faircares, Alta.

WANTED—A Bull calf age about eleven or twelve months old. Good stock. Apply—Box 27, Oyen

MARQUIS SEED WHEAT FOR SALE at market price. This wheat took the highest marks at the Oyen Seed Fair—Apply to Rufus Case, N.W. 23-2-4, Faircares, Alta.

\$20 REWARD

LOST—1 Light Grey Gelding, weight about 1,100 lbs., brand two "L" back to back with a bar across top on the right thigh. 1 aged Gelding, weight about 1,000, color brown. Branded on left hip 75.

These horses strayed from Section 31-2-4, west of 4th, on Saturday, November 27th. Anyone seeing them please notify Charles Deland at Aeneas Valley P.O.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

F. C. McClean
Barrister, Solicitor,
Notary Public
Money to Loan
Oyen, Alberta Canada

H. C. Swartzlander
M. D.
PHYSICIAN
McArthur Block OYEN, ALTA.

Farmers Raise Hay!

Insure abundance of Hay and pasture for your stock by sowing a good acreage to Bromus grass. The only reliable drought resisting hay we have, starts earlier in Spring, remains green longer in the fall, yield better and stock relish it more than any grass in the West. Read what the Seed Houses and Government Experimental stations have to say about it. You never have to reseed. We have fifteen thousand pounds of seed to sell at 15 cents per lb. This seed is raised right here, and is all heavy and thoroughly ripened. Apply to—

W. A. Reid,
Farmer's Stables, Aeneas, Sask.

Locals

Dr. Lackner, Dentist, will be in Oyen from the 1st, to 5th, inclusive and 11th, to 15th, inclusive, every month. Cereals, 6th, to 10th, inclusive. Remember the dates.

Mr. J. A. McColl, M.L.A., was a town visitor on Saturday.

"That married life was preferable to single life," was the subject at a debate, held in the Carlyle School House on Saturday evening. Messrs. Watkin and Bellingham took the affirmative, and Messrs. McQuire and Lewis took the negative. The debate proved a most amusing affair and was won by the champions of single blessedness.

Mr. Jas. Lees, who has been at Calgary and the Coast during the past two weeks, returned to town last Saturday.

Mr. C. A. Gilders spent two days in Calgary this week.

Mr. J. A. Baker of Faircares, was a visitor in Calgary this week.

Mr. W. Linklater of Sibbald was a town visitor this week.

Messrs. Jorgeson Bros., of Seal, Alta., purchased a Ford Car from Mr. P. H. Peterson, Ford Dealer, to-day.

LOST FEBRUARY 20th.

2 Bay Geldings, weight 1200 and 1250 lbs. One cropped ear and white face, left hind leg white.

One has halter and rope on. Brand 1, D. on left shoulder, also brand on right hip.

Anyone giving information which leads to their recovery or returning to 19-2-3 w. of 4th, will be rewarded. Chas. M'Is, Mere, P.O. Alta.

Prices Paid at The Elevators

Wheat, No. 1 Northern	1.03
No. 2 "	1.00
No. 3 "	.95
Flax	1.50
Oats	.28
Barley	.12

ALBERTA LIVERY FEED & SALE STABLE

Carting and Draying at all times

TERMS REASONABLE

J. McKenzie, Proprietor.
OYEN, ALBERTA.

Heavy Work Horses For Sale

Just arrived two car loads of Mares and Geldings, weighing from 1,300 to 1,600 lbs.

These Horses will be sold at a very low Price and can be seen at McKenzie's Livery Barn

Gibson Bros.

Oyen, Alta.

Quality

Job Printing



We endeavor at all times to keep the question Quality uppermost. Give us a trial order

Oyen News

The Biggest Advance In Grain Drill Construction In Many Years

Sowing the seed is a very important operation, as on it depends in a great measure the success or failure of the crop. If the seeding is not properly done, perfect weather conditions are of little help, while on the other hand, right sowing means a largely increased yield under favorable conditions, and, in a bad year may mean the difference between success and failure.

THE MASSEY-HARRIS NEW No. 11 DRILLS are in use by thousands of progressive Western Farmers and have proven beyond question that they have no equal in Canada. Now, with the Steel Grain Box, and other improvements, it marks another big advance in Grain Drill Construction—the Steel Grain Box being one of the most important improvements ever made on a Drill and is a good example of Massey-Harris enterprise.

Call and see Sample Drill at shop

Full Line of Spring Machinery:- Plows, Discs, Harrows, Cultivators Etc.,

Steam and Gas FLOWING OUTFITS

Bull Dog FANNING MILLS This Mill carried off the Honors at the Agricultural Convention, Last week,

STUART B. LAWRENCE
OYEN AGENT

AUCTION SALE

Commencing at One o'clock sharp, I will sell by Public Auction, on

Saturday, February 26th.

50 HEAD OF HORSES

(25 Mares 25 Geldings)

Weighing from 1250 lbs. to 1600 lbs.

**Jas. Lees
Eric Lindquist**
Owners

B. H. Dial,
Auctioneer.



"MADE IN CANADA"

Ford Touring Car

We have on order a car load of Ford Touring Cars, and expect same in a few days.

Three of these cars are already sold. If you are thinking of purchasing a car this year—Get a Ford, and place your order for it now.

By placing your order early, you will not be disappointed by delay in shipment.

P. H. Peterson & J. Naismith, Jr.,

Dealers, Oyen, Alta.



Crescent Flow Shares

On orders placed on or before February 15th, I will guarantee the following prices:

12 inch Shares	\$4.80 per pair
14 "	\$5.30 "
16 "	\$5.80 "

25 per cent deposit with order, balance on delivery of goods.

JAS. LEES

Oyen

Alta.

Your Best Salesman

Is not the one that sells the most goods but the one that creates a demand for your goods or services.

A Good Advertisement

Will create the demand at only a fraction of a salesman's salary.

THE OYEN BILLIARD HALL.

English Billiard and Snooker Table
Four Pool Tables. Good Cues. Good Service.

**Cigars, Cigarettes,
and Tobacco.**

Chas. A. Wilson Proprietor

CORD WOOD

We have some Fine Dry Jack Pine
Cut in 12in. lengths at

\$6.50 per Cord

P. H. PETERSON
GRAIN & COAL

R. M. of Acadia

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Acadia No. 241 was held in the Acadia Valley Hall on Wednesday the 2nd day of February.

Present: Reeve Peers, and Councillors Mills, Adams, Hill and Hallman.

Mr. W. H. Peterson of Oyen was re-appointed auditor at a salary of \$50.00.

The question, the collection of taxes was again tabled until next meeting of the council.

A long list of communications were dealt with of which the most important were as follows.

The financial statement as on Dec. 31st. was accepted and ordered to be sent to the Express for publication a copy to be posted in each of the local post offices.

An agreement by F. C. Bohannon assigning to the Municipality a roadway around slough on S.W. 1/4 27-28-2 in lieu of the regular road allowance, was accepted.

From the Alberta Association of L. I. D's and R. M.'s, asking that this Municipality send a delegate to the Convention at Edmonton to be held on February 10th, 17th and 18th.

Councillor J. Hallman was unanimously chosen to represent the Municipality at this Convention.

Of the following further list of 1915 enlistment for overseas service the taxes were paid by the Municipality in case of Pte. Alex. Morton, and taxes paid by Pte. J. H. Davidson and Thos. Smith were refunded.

Applications for position as Weed Inspector from A. T. Barber, Thos. Gibson and H. C. Wheaton were tabled to be taken up at next meeting of the Council.

Payment as follows, made by the Reeve and Sec'y-Treas., under general resolution were ratified.

The Bank of Toronto, balance 1915 School notes \$225.24.

The Dept. of Municipal Affairs Educational taxes \$10.33

R. M. of Acadia, commission on above \$3.83

The following accounts found correct were paid—

Acadia Postmaster, stamps, and exchange \$8.85

Alaska News, stationery \$3.20

Empress Express, stationery \$10.35

Western Municipal News, stationery \$7.15

W. H. Peterson, balance salary 1915 audit \$55.00

S. E. Spicer, Bond premium \$12.15.

D. M. Graham, wolf bounty \$8.00

D. M. Graham, salary \$66.05.

By-law No. 9 for the appointment of Poundkeeper in Div. 1 and 4 was tabled until next meeting of the Council.

Council adjourned to meet first Wednesday in March at 10.30 a.m.

Beautiful New Fabrics For Spring

Paillette Silks in all the newest shades
36in. wide, reg. \$1.25 per yard now \$1.10

Jacquard Tussah, reg. 75c. for 65c. per yard.

Dress Gingham ranging from 10c to 15c yard

King of Road Overalls Also added one more new line.

The Headlight Overalls made in world's Greatest

Overall Factories

Hart Bros.

CASH STORE

E. C. Stata, Manager

A Representative Wanted

At Once For

OYEN

And District for the

Old Reliable Fonthill Nurseries

Choice list of hardy tested varieties, recommended by the Western Experimental Station, suitable for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Hybrid Apple, Native Plums, Russian Cherries, Small Fruits, Seed Potatoes, Hardy Trees for Windbreaks and Shelter Belts. Liberal terms. Handsome Free Outfit. Exclusive Territory. Write now for particulars.

Stone & Wellington,
Toronto, Ontario.

It is reported (on doubtful authority) that H. E. King is going to publish a short novel entitled "The Rubes visit Calgary." ("Ahem!...") "Wonder if that means us."

Just Received

A Full Line Of

Jubilee Brand Tar Paper

" " Building Paper

Maco Blue Waterproof Sheeting

36" Peerless Sheeting white

72" " Sheeting White

Monarch Cozy Felt

Full Line of Lumber

And

We Have Lots of Coal

Beaver Lumber Co.

H. Hancock,

Manager.

Well Drilling

Testimonial

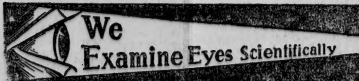
14th January, 1916.

In justice to the good workman we have this day to say of John Oszust:—That he has completed a well for us in the town of Oyen and that we have pumped on this well for one hundred hours steady and it hasn't missed a stroke.

Lafferty & Thayer,
Oyen Livery Barn.

JOHN OSZUST

"The man who gets water where others fail."



Let us impress upon you the fact that your sight—and your children's sight—is infinitely more valuable than the most expensive pair of glasses—and that defective sight means a heavy handicap no matter what your position in life may be.

You can ascertain the exact condition of your eyes by spending fifteen or twenty minutes in our office here in Oyen where you are assured of careful, courteous and scientific attention.

Will Be In OYEN Every Tuesday

Steen Jewellery and Optical Co., Ltd.,

Youngstown, Alta.